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PEOPLE AND PLACES

HORNE AND CRADDOCK

In 6 years what looks like a small village has sprung up on 106 acres of land between Highlands and Caveat. This is the work of Steve and Kylie Horne and Kylie's parents, Anne and Ray Craddock.

They all lived at Mt. Evelyn and Steve had done a plumbing apprenticeship before he and Kylie married in 2002. Kylie was working in boarding kennels and with some horses and ponies. Steve found the land on 2 titles at Highlands and couldn't afford the total price. So his father in law, Ray agreed to buy one title, came up to have a look and fell in love with the area.

Within 3 months Ray and Steve had designed and built the first house and a few sheds! In no time they had designed and built the second house and also straightened out a derelict house that Peter Razga and his family lived in until the 1940s. This gave them more roof space to collect water and now a dam has been added for garden water and to establish many trees.

Almost immediately word got around that here was a local plumber who was very handy at anything you needed doing. Steve has had a constant supply of jobs from Yea to Euroa, has built several houses, repaired and extended others and taught himself to do stone work using the beautiful local granite.

There are now 3 small boys for the Hornes— Alex, who starts at Highlands Primary school next year, Geoffrey and 3 months old Ben. Kylie also has 3 horses, 6 cats, 4 dogs, chooks, geese, guinea pigs, budgies and a grown up pet lamb.

Meanwhile Kylie's parents have established themselves very happily in their new house. Ray had a fibro glass repair business at Mt Evelyn and is continuing with that in his big shed. His absorbing hobby is gold prospecting, which has taken him to many parts of Australia in his motor home. He discovered a local bonus with some old gold diggings near Yea. Ray prospected for the thrill of the chase and isn't interested in the monetart reward. Anne is not so sure about prospecting but occupies herself with interesting and beautiful craft work, and of course the grand children regard her house like a second home. Anne also works part time at the Ruffy Store.

These families are a great addition to our district .

WELCOME TO ISSUE 34

Please send all articles to miranda@activ8.net.au.

FIRE DANGER PERIOD BEGINS MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2008 FOR REGION 12

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Student of the Week

Lachie Wischer, for fantastic work in maths to quickly calculate Meagan's age and year she was born.

Melbourne Excursion

Next Wednesday we are off to Melbourne. Years 2-6 go to Parliament House for tour with Ben Hardman. The juniors will meet the other students for an early lunch and a walk through the city before going to the Aquarium in the afternoon. Sounds like fun!

Terip Terip Tennis Club Training & Sausage Sizzle

Come along for a hit of tennis and a sausage sizzle 6pm, Thursday Nov 13 All welcome Gold coin donation to cover costs Cindy 57904226

Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seedbank

Seedbank Workshop 21/11/08
• Seed Collection • Seed Cleaning
• Seed Treating • Plant & Seed Identification • Guidelines & Permits
• Propagation
Course Cost: \$55 inc GST
9.30am start at the Seedbank shed
Lunch and all course materials will be provided . Please dress appropriately for field activities RSVP by Monday 17th November 2008 to: Liz Evans Ph: 03 5833 9279 M: 0428 770 030
The university of Melbourne, Dookie Campus, Dookie Nallinga Rd.

BORES AREN'T BORING

"There is an issue in Old Highlands Rd that is causing residents concern, which I thought might interest the wider Highlands community / the Hughes Creek Collaborative.

Those of us in the proximity of Hoiles Orchard have received notification that the orchard owners are applying for a licence to sink a replacement bore to a depth of 100 – 150 metres for irrigating the commercial cherry orchard, as well as for stock and domestic (although I'm not aware of any residence there and I'm uncertain what stock they are running).

The application asks, and I quote, "Any person able to demonstrate that their interests will be affected by the issuing of this Works Licence (Bore Construction), including any intended groundwater use, is invited to make a submission setting out the nature of the impact within 14 days of receipt of this written notification. Submissions should be sent to Manager Diversions Licensing, Goulburn-Murray Water, PO Box 165, TATURA, VIC, 3616."

Because water tables are a shared resource that can service a geographically wide area, interfacing with surface water (i.e. creeks and rivers) and facilitating the flow and filtration of water, salts and minerals through the soil, and because of reduced recharge rates in our current dry conditions, I thought that residents in the wider area might have an opinion about the viability of the above application and may like to make a submission.

Please note: I'm not advocating any view, for or against; I simply want people to be aware that the application has been made so they can make a submission if they wish. Because of the limited submission period, if people do wish to make a submission, they should do so to the above address as soon as possible."
Regards Leanne Pleash

RABBITS AND CHEMICALS

Organize your ripping hours and chemical orders now. Maximum 30 ripping hours per landowner - Landcare provides a 50% subsidy up to \$65.00 per hour. Chemicals include Brush Off, Wetter and Round Up.

Ring Miranda PH 57969261 to arrange for an inspection prior to work commencing. No work is subsidized without an initial inspection and follow up visit.

Community What's On Calendar—November/December/January

Week beg 10th November	Terip Terip mowing roster Neville & Sue Debney Max & Joan Eddy Both sides of Springs Road and all 4 courts
9th November – 16th Nov	Whiteheads Creek/ Tarcombe RFB Rod Chisholm Glen Christensen Debbie Cerda Shaun Clarke
Thursday 13th November	Terip tennis training and sausage sizzle Come along for a hit of tennis and a sausage sizzle 6pm onwards All welcome Gold coin donation to cover costs Cindy 57904226 or Frances 0432324929
Friday 14th November	'Drinks on the Deck' at 6.30pm at the Highlands Hall. Bring a plate and share a meal, catch up with friends and meet new ones.
Saturday 15th November	Trust for Nature and the Mount Pleasant Reserve Committee of Management invite you to the opening of the Mount Pleasant reserve. Come along and enjoy guided walks with Joan Semmens, Trust for Nature and the Field Naturalist Club, a Free lunch and magnificent views! 11:00am Please RSVP 13th November for catering purposes Joan Semmens 57721542,
Saturday 22nd November	RuffArtZ Season of Saturdays presents - Bric a Brac - dance, nostalgia & romance 8.00 pm, Ruffy Hall. Contact Glen on 5790 4318 for tickets (\$26 ea.) or information.
Saturday 22nd November	Finn, a NSW band travelling down especially for this weekend to play some funk, rhythm and blues. Entry is \$10 and special price taxis available Bookings via the White Hart are essential.
Sat 22nd Nov – Sun 23rd Nov	Highlands Bike Ride The Highlands Junior CFA is hosting a Push Bike Ride through Highlands to the Ghin Ghin Bridge at the Goulburn River, with a stay over at the Yea Angling Club grounds. Everyone is welcome to join in this ride, both children and adults (not just CFA members) However if children are not coming with their parents they must nominate an attending adult to be responsible for them during this camp. All riders and accompanying persons participate at their own risk if not a current CFA member. RSVP is essential by Mon 17th Nov To Alistair Lade 57 969 276, Sharyn Shaw 57 904 297 or Peter Roberts 57 969 301 Meeting at Arthur Telford's property "Looking Glass" at 1pm Sat 22nd Nov (Approx 8km down the Dropmore Rd past "Habbies Howe") We will be riding up a gravel track to Lade Rd, stopping for a refreshment break at Alistair & Paula Lade's property "Glenrannoch". From there we ride up to the Highlands Hall and onto Old Highlands Rd. At Peter and Pauline Roberts' mailbox the riders will be split into 2 groups, the smaller and inexperienced riders will follow Old Highlands Rd back onto the Ghin Ghin Rd, and down onto the Ghin Ghin Bridge stopping at the Angling Club for the camp. The more experienced riders will follow the Old Coach Rd through the bush for 5km and back onto the Ghin Ghin Rd and down to the Ghin Ghin Bridge arriving at the Camp. There will be escort vehicles both in front and behind both groups for support. The trip is about 25k, with the first km uphill and fairly steep, but then the trip is fairly level or downhill. The ride is mostly on gravel roads away from too much traffic. All Bikes will be inspected for safety before departing on this ride.
Friday 28th November	HPS invites the community and especially Scotty to join in a cricket match at school starting at 2pm. Please let Meagan know if you can come so we can draw up teams beforehand PH 57969208
Sunday 30th November	Annual CFA Recognisant trip around Highlands meeting at 9.00 am at Highlands CFA shed. An afternoon in the gardens at Habbies Howe, for a picnic, wine and music. 1.00pm onwards Music from the very talented Gus Brooks BYO or Lunch and local wine available to buy. Raffle run by Junior CFA members Everyone very welcome.
Sunday 30th November	The White hart Hotel is hosting a special Charity BBQ in aid of the Longwood CFA. There'll be bbq lamb chops and spit-roast legs (kindly donated by our local farmers), accompanied by salads and sweets. With a glass of wine from Maygars Hill or Longwood Wines included it's sure to be a fantastic afternoon. Tickets are \$15 with all proceeds going to Longwood CFA.
Monday December 1st	EverGraze Field Day - Creightons Creek Supporting Site Creightons Creek 9am-2:30 pm Barrie Noye's paddock, Creightons Creek Rd, Creightons Creek (just south of the Longwood-Mansfield Rd on the East side of the road). Introduction to EverGraze and your opportunity to get involved in this local supporting site. Tools for implementing a rotational grazing system, summer management of native pastures. Please RSVP to Rhiannon Apted RhiannonA@iinet.net.au P: 03 57 354 351 Mob: 0418 140 710 Lunch Provided www.evergraze.com.au
Friday December 5th	EverGraze Field Day - Strath Creek Supporting Site Strath Creek 9am-2.30 pm "Three Sisters" (Terry Hubbard), 2724 King Parrot Creek Road, Strath Creek (followed by Strath Creek Hall). Introduction to EverGraze and your opportunity to get involved in this local supporting site. Tools for implementing a rotational grazing system, summer management of native pastures. Please RSVP to Rhiannon Apted RhiannonA@iinet.net.au P: 03 57 354 351 Mob: 0418 140 710 Lunch Provided www.evergraze.com.au
Friday 12th December	Highlands Community Christmas Breakup, Highlands Hall 6pm Drop in presents at Highlands Primary School, nothing above \$5.00, for your children for Santa to hand out at the end of the night. We are hoping for performances by all the community groups so start planning and practising soon!.

Classifieds & Community Notices

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

The NANKEEN KESTREL is a small raptor which hovers over grasslands and perches on dead trees, fence posts, etc. It is found all over Australia, but is becoming rarer everywhere. It feeds on house mice, grasshoppers and other insects, and is recognized by its small size and pale rufous back and wings. The other small raptor, the Australian Hobby, has dark upper parts, and is more uncommon. Both species generally use the stick nests of other birds. Photo— male bird



MOBILE PHONES

More from Greg Philpot on mobile phones: Hidden Battery Power

Imagine your mobile battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370# Your mobile will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your mobile next time.

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: * # 0 6 #

A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone get stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either.

RHYTHMS OF LITERARY LIFE ENCOURAGED AT FOUR MONTHS

FOUR-month-old children will receive a free DVD and supporting booklet as part of a Brumby Government drive to boost literacy and encourage parents to read to their children.

"Reading to a child stimulates the child to develop communication skills that will get them off to the best possible start in life," Mr Hardman said.

"Learning begins in the home and the Young Readers Program will give parents practical information about how to help children understand literacy skills from a young age."

"Seventy five per cent of brain development occurs between birth and three years old, with early experiences determining whether or not a strong foundation will develop for future learning, behaviour and health," Mr Hardman said.

The Young Readers Program is a partnership between the Brumby Government, the State Library of Victoria and the Municipal Association Victoria.

FOR SALE

Jack Russell Puppies
Tan & White, some with a trace of black. Both parents good natured with children. 8 weeks old, 4 females & 2 males. 5790 4298

RAINFALL

RAINFALL for Highlands in October was 18.8mms, making 536.8 for the year to date. Terip had 17 mms, with 501.4 for the year. In 1925 and in 1938, spring rainfall was comparable, so here's hoping!

ACTIVE CLUB GRANTS OPEN

LOCAL sporting groups are being urged to consider applying for sports equipment grants to help make their sport available to more people. Eg sports injury prevention equipment, essential sporting equipment, volunteer and club training and portable shade. Grants of up to \$2500 are available.

Grant applications are due by 12 December and must be completed online at www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/activeclub.

FOR SALE

Pine single bed with drawers and mattress, Pine single bunk beds with assorted mattresses, Pine writing desk with drawers, Double bed with wooden ends and tulip design and mattress, Assorted electrical items, Small antique table, etc Phone AH 57904211

WEDGE TAILED EAGLE GRANT

The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative have been very fortunate to receive \$4,000 for research into the habits of our eagles from the GBCMA. Thankyou Tony Kubeil.

David Middleton is mentoring this project. We are forming a small working group to plan and implement our project. If you would like to be involved in this project please ring Miranda asap as we plan to meet in the next 2 weeks.

FOX FACTS

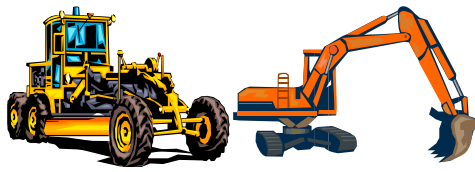
Andrew Carter is a PhD student from Charles Sturt University who is studying the movement and behaviour of foxes in the Barmah/Picola/Nathalia area of the Goulburn Broken Catchment. Some of Andrews observations include:

There are two types of foxes, those with set, well defined territories and those without. Territorial foxes have territories of about 1000 acres (400 ha). Roaming foxes can have territories of more than 6300 acres (2500 ha) Recolonisation of empty territories may take as little as 1 week. During June-July (breeding season) males will take short excursions beyond their normal territory to seek mates. During the course of a night, foxes travelled an average of 10km (ranging from 5-16km). In late summer/early autumn, juvenile foxes (especially males) seek new territories. Most (95%) culverts (300mm diameter) were either being used by foxes or had been used in the past. Andrew conducted an experiment and selected 5 key sites, Roadsides, Creek lines, Bushland, Open Paddocks and Fence lines. At each site he placed 60 baits and monitored the bait uptake. Following are the results: Roadsides: 75% baits taken, use farm tracks/roads on your property as baiting public roads is illegal. Creek lines: 68% baits taken (remember to place the bait at least 20m from a waterway) Bushland: 57% bait taken. Open Paddock: 38% baits taken Fence lines: 33% baits taken

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